

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Change page 2, lines 9-15, as follows:

Treatments for varicose veins include generally, an oppression treatment, a hardening treatment, and a surgical treatment. In case of slight illness, an oppression treatment or a hardening treatment is used for treatment, and in case of serious illness, a surgical treatment is carried out. The surgical treatment (stripping operation) is a surgical operation in which many small skin-incisions are provided to remove occlusion or ~~varicosed~~ varicose veins.

Change page 3, lines 7-13, as follows:

Moreover, in the treatment of a part from which a vein is removed after the removal of varicose veins, to press ~~bleeding and stop bleeding by the palm on~~ a travel line of a long saphenous vein (LSV) by a palm for stopping bleeding is ~~are being~~ carried out. In the administration of a medicine into wound after removal of varicose veins, there poses a problem that it is necessary to administer a medicine on the affected part using a medicine administering device or the like.

Change page 4, lines 5-18, as follows:

The present invention further provides a stripping wire for removing a vein, said stripping wire having a plurality of wires connected, each of said connected wires comprising first connecting means provided on one end thereof and second connecting means provided on the other end thereof, wherein an insert head for guiding said stripping wire into a vein is connected to said first connecting means in one end of said connected wire, a rear end portion is connected to said second connecting means in the other end of said connected wire, and there is formed a vein ligating portion in order that a connected portion caused by said

first connecting means and said second connecting means between the wires, a connected portion connecting ~~connected~~ said first connecting means and an insert head, or a connected portion connecting ~~connected~~ said second connecting means and a rear end portion is engaged with the affected part within the vein to introvert and remove the vein.

Change page 5, line 23 to page 6, line 4, as follows:

The present invention further provides a stripping catheter for removing a vein, wherein said stripping catheter has a plurality of catheters connected, each of said catheters connected is provided with a first connecting means ~~provided~~ on one end and a second connecting means ~~provided~~ on the other end, an insert head for guiding said stripping catheter into a vein is connected to said first connecting means on one end of said connected catheter, a rear end portion is connected to said second connecting means on the other end of said connected catheter, there is formed a vein ligating portion in order that a connected portion caused by said first connecting means and said second connecting means between the catheters, said insert head or said rear end portion ~~is~~ are engaged with the affected part within the vein to introvert and remove the vein.

Change page 8, lines 19-28, as follows:

The connecting portions 8a and 8b are connected ~~joined or stopped~~ by screw means for fitting a convex portion and a concave portion formed in the connecting portions 8a and 8b, fitting means such as a pawl, an interlocking mechanism or zipper-shaped ~~chuck-shaped~~ connecting means. Where screw means is used, the connecting portions 8a and 8b are connected by a male screw and a female screw formed and threaded in the connecting portions 8a and 8b.

As described, the connection of the connecting portion 8 of the present invention may be any connection by a fitting portion for fitting, or a locking ~~stopping~~ portion for locking ~~stopping~~ by a pawl, an interlocking mechanism or the like, or a screw portion to be connected by a male screw or a female screw.

Change page 9, lines 21-25, as follows:

The rear end portion 4 of the present stripping wire 1 is, in its diameter, in cylindrical shape larger than the wire and forms an operating gripper for pressing the insert head inserted into the vein or pulling it ~~our in the direction of this side~~. Thereby, the present stripping wire is able to invert and remove the vein in any direction.

Change Page 18, lines 15 to 27, as follows:

The guide wire 30 has a shape in which an extreme end 30a in an inserting direction into a vein is curved, and is formed by a wire which is smaller in diameter than that of the tube of the catheter so as to facilitate passage into a vein blood vessel. The guide wire 30 extends through the tube in the stripping catheter 20, and projects from the extreme end of the insert head 22, and precedes ~~first moves~~ into the vein blood vessel to guide the insertion of the stripping catheter 20. The reason why the extreme end 30a of the guide wire 30 is curved is to guide the stripping catheter 20 smoothly to a fixed place within the vein. In case of the stripping wire 1, in the insertion from the center portion of a vein to the peripheral portion, the vein meanders so that the resistance with respect to the stripping wire 1 is so great that it is necessary to perform a massage of a piston motion ~~as to cause it to make the stripping wire pass through the vein slackening while performing a piston motion~~.